

REMARKS

In the non-final Office Action, the Examiner asserted that a new title of the invention is required. The Examiner also indicated that the specification, drawings, and the claims contain minor informalities. The Examiner also rejected claims 18-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming non-statutory subject matter, and rejected claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, as indefinite. The Examiner indicated that the claims are allowable over the art of record.

By this Amendment, Applicants amend the title of the invention; the specification, where appropriate; and claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13-15, and 18-23 to improve form. In addition, Applicants propose amending Figs. 1A and 2A to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-23 are pending.

At page 2, paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserted that the title of the invention is not descriptive. Applicants respectfully submit that the amended title of the invention is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

At page 2, paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that a need exists for Applicants to correct minor informalities in the application. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the specification, drawings, and/or the claims include misspellings, typographical errors, inaccuracies, and fail to properly designate trademarked terms, and that in some instances, the claims fail to provide a proper antecedent basis. Applicants respectfully submit that amendments to the specification, drawings, and/or the claims correct the identified informalities.

At page 2, paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 18-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants amend claims 18-23 to address the Examiner's rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that amended claims 18-23 are directed to statutory subject matter and, thus, request withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

At page 2, paragraph 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph as allegedly indefinite. Applicants amend independent claims 1, 11, 18, and 21 to address the Examiner's rejection. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification as originally filed, for example, at paragraph 23, page 8; paragraph 27, page 10; and paragraph 41, page 15. Applicants respectfully submit that amended claims 1-23 are definite and, therefore, request withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Replacement Drawing Sheets for Figs. 1A and 2A

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include amended Figs. 1A and 2A. The amendment to Fig. 1A corrects the text of element 108 from "SEVER" to "SERVER." The amendment to Fig. 2A corrects the text of element 204 from "HANDLERS" to "HANDLER." No new matter has been added by the amended drawings.

Attachment: Replacement Drawing Sheets for Figs. 1A and 2A